



City of Concord

Weekly City Manager Newsletter

July 11, 2014

ROUTE 3 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS - PENACOOK VILLAGE

The Village/Washington Street roundabout in Penacook has taken shape and is in its temporary configuration. Barrels and cones, along with temporary signage, are in place to direct traffic through the roundabout. Motorists are reminded to yield entering the roundabout. Drain and utility work will be taking place in the vicinity of this area next week. Brochu Landscaping is scheduled to begin with the streetscape/landscape work in this area as well.



STORM SEWER MAIN LINING

On Monday, July 14th, the contractor will be on Loudon Road, in the vicinity of Old Loudon Road, lining the 15-inch storm drain; and in the vicinity of #117 Franklin Street and #15 Rockland Road lining sewer mains. On Tuesday, crews will be on Minot Street and Hillside Road for sewer main lining.

PARALLEL TAXIWAY CONSTRUCTION

Next week, the contractor will continue with electrical work for the new taxiway signs and lights at the Concord Municipal Airport. Night work may occur on Wednesday, July 16th, from 7:00 PM to 7:00 AM, to install sign bases in the safety area of Runway 17. Paving and trucking operations will start around 4:00 AM and continue until 2:00 PM the following day. Runway 17/35 will be closed during this time.

HOPKINTON/SAWMILL ROAD WATER MAIN LINING

Next week, the contractor will complete tying residences to the temporary water main on Hopkinton Road. Mid-week, there will be a scheduled water main shut down on Currier Road and Hopkinton Road, west of Currier Road. Affected residents will be notified. The contractor will begin to line the 8-inch water main on Hopkinton Road, from the cemetery westerly toward Currier Road.



PAY-AS-YOU-THROW ANNIVERSARY



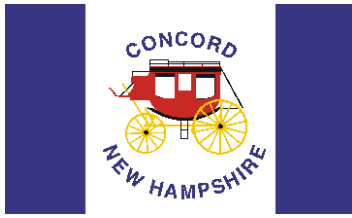
It has been five years since the City of Concord initiated the Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) Program for trash collection in July 2009. The introduction of the program helped reduce trash volume by encouraging recycling efforts and also decreased collection costs. Implementing the PAYT Program has successfully decreased trash materials and has increased the amount of recycled materials. Before the PAYT Program and curbside collection of recyclables, an average Concord resident disposed of 903 pounds of trash each year. Now, residents dispose of an average of 390 pounds of trash per year.

SAVE THE DATE!

National Night Out



**August 5, 2014
5:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Rollins Park**



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★ EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT ★

Congratulations to General Services Department Business Manager **Jeff Hoadley** on the recent completion of his Master's degree in Project Management from Granite State College. Way to go, Jeff!

In other employee news, veteran Police Dispatcher **Dianne LeBlanc** recently received one of the City's **Top Step Awards** for her display of excellent customer service and exemplary crisis management skills, while being respectful, compassionate, patient and accommodating. Her outstanding ability to multitask in the dynamic communications center of the Police Department is critical to her success. In addition to her own duties, Dianne was tasked this year with the training of new dispatchers and their success can be attributed to the time she spent with them.

Another recent recipient of the **Top Step Award** is Wastewater Treatment Plant Laboratory Manager **Tom Neforas**. Tom spearheaded a team-based, interdepartmental program to control the discharge of fats, oils and grease into the City's sewer system. Tom took the lead on developing an initiative to alleviate problems associated with this discharge. He coordinated a multi-departmental approach, drafting a comprehensive program, which will be rolled out in the near future.

WATER METER READING VIDEO

Concord General Services has created a new YouTube video, "[How to Read Your Water Meter](#)." The video features Water Conservation Technician Josh Worthen explaining how to read your water meter to understand water consumption. Be sure to watch it and also subscribe to Concord General Services' [YouTube channel](#) for more videos.



CHROMEBOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

The Library recently added eight Chromebooks for in-library use. Chromebooks are lightweight laptop computers designed for Internet activity. Library cardholders, age 18 and over, can check out a Chromebook for use within the Library as an alternative to using one of the stationary computers. This provides the option of sitting anywhere within the Library for greater comfort and convenience. Parents can use a Chromebook in the children's area while their kids read or use a kids' computer. Patrons who are studying can take a Chromebook to the quiet Lower Level Lounge.

The Chromebooks are kept at the Service Desk and can be checked out for 90 minutes, once a day, to Library cardholders. Interested? Call the Service Desk at 225-8670 and select option #2 for more information.



HINDU FESTIVAL AT HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER

The Parks & Recreation Department is hosting Srimad Bhagavata Maha Purana, a weeklong Hindu festival, at the Heights Community Center. The festival began on July 9th and will run daily through Wednesday, July 16th, from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. The event, which is put on by the Hindu Faith Trust of NH, promotes global peace, emotional wellbeing, brotherhood and spiritual enlightenment. The program starts and ends each day with prayers. Everyday, Bhajans (Hindu devotional songs) and Kirtans (praise of God) are chanted and accompanied by musicians. Priests lead a discourse and panel discussions on spirituality and Bhakti Marga (path of love and devotion). Prasadi (the sacred food) is served to each participant. All are welcome!

